

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 3 - 5 are pending in the application.

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 2 and 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In conformity therewith, claim 2 has been incorporated into claim 1, and claim 1 has been incorporated into allowable claim 3. A new claim is being submitted that is the same as claim 4 but is dependent upon amended claim 3.

In addition, the Examiner's helpful comments regarding objections to claims 1 and 3 have been addressed.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. However, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call from him in order to be able to address any outstanding issues and to expedite placement of the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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